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1. ☑ The amendment filed on 15 May 2008 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:						
a) 🔲 entered.						
b) 🛛 entered as directed to matters o	entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.					
c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.						
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d) disapproved. See explanation b	pelow.					
e) 🔲 entered in part. See explanation below.						
b1) Additionally, dependent claim 8 has been allowed, but was not indicated as being allowed along with claims 1, 3-6, 9-17 and 19-67 presented in the last Office Action. Hence, and in view of applicant's argument (See page 1 of the remarks) filed on April 8, 2008, claim 8 is allowed for the same reasons set forth for claims 1, 3-6, 9-17, 19, 22 and 23 presented in the Final Office Action mailed on September 20, 2007, which is entirely incorporated herein by reference.						
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